

Maine Wind and Ocean Energy News Wrap up for Oct-Nov 2013

Offshore Wind Maine:

A lot has happened and been said in the last month regarding Maine offshore wind creating a lot of intrigue. The following articles provide a summary of where the state is currently in offshore development.

With Statoil's exit, wind industry looks to UMaine

Norwegian company Statoil's decision to abandon its \$120 million offshore wind power project in Maine is a setback, renewable energy advocates say, but they still hope a strong offshore wind industry can be built in the state.

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2013-10-25/with-statoils-exit-wind-industry-looks-to-umaine> ^[1]

Maine Voices: Maine looks forward for offshore wind

There has been a lot said about the terminated Statoil Offshore Wind Project in past weeks with months of additional comment leading up to this period.

At this point we need to focus on the positive. We do have a local team developing some fantastic technology that could lead to a new energy-economy revolution.

http://www.pressherald.com/opinion/Maine_Voices_Maine_needs_to_move_forward_with_offshore_wind_.ht

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Offshore wind consortium releases redacted proposal

The University of Maine-led offshore wind project, Maine Aqua Ventus I, has released hundreds of documents about the scope of its proposal to state regulators, but the questions of how much the project will cost and how much support it hopes to get from electricity ratepayers remain unanswered for now.

http://www.mainebiz.biz/article/20131106/NEWS0101/131109972/1092?utm_source=enews&utm_medium=D

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Maine University to hold public meetings on offshore wind transmission plan

University of Maine representatives will hold three separate public meetings next week in the towns of Bristol, Friendship and Port Clyde to discuss a power line that might pass through any of the towns before linking with a proposed floating wind farm off Monhegan Island. "We have several routes that are evolving, and we'll be showing them at those meetings," said Jake Ward, the university's vice president for innovation and economic development. <http://bangordailynews.com/2013/11/05/energy/umaine-to-meet-with-coastal-communities-about-offshore-wind-transmission-line-plans/> ^[4]

The Energy Subsidy Debate

Fossil fuel subsidies 'reckless use of public funds'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-24833153> [5]

Coalition Demands An End To The Wind Production Tax Credit

http://www.nawindpower.com/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.12231#utm_medium=email&utm_source=06-2013&utm_campaign=NAW+News+Headlines [6]

Maine town residents vote in favor of wind project

Eolian Renewable Energy's planned wind project in Orland, Maine, is set to go ahead after residents voted in favor of the project. The 9-megawatt proposed wind energy facility on Whites Mountain is expected to generate enough electricity for about 2,700 homes.

<http://bangordailynews.com/2013/11/05/news/hancock/orland-voters-approve-three-turbine-wind-project/> [7]

ORPC Solutions Engaged for Resolute Marine Energy's Yakutat Wave Energy Project

Ocean Renewable Power Company (ORPC) and Resolute

Marine Energy (RME) are pleased to announce that ORPC Solutions, ORPC's wholly-owned services subsidiary, will be providing project management and regulatory affairs services to RME's Yakutat Wave Energy Project in Yakutat, Alaska.

<http://www.pennenergy.com/wirenews/powernews/2013/11/06/maine-orpc-solutions-engaged-for-resolute-marine-energy-s-yakutat-wave-energy-project-orpc-press-rel.html> [8]

Maine wind farm power buy gets initial CT approval

The Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority tentatively approved the state's purchase of 250 megawatts of renewable power from a Maine wind farm and a Lisbon, Conn., solar array.

http://www.mainebiz.biz/article/20131023/NEWS0101/131029975/1092?utm_source=enews&utm_medium=D [9]

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